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**STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**  
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the Honourable <sup>dep.wm</sup> Minister of Justice of the Republic of Ghana, *Mr. Ebo Barton Oduru* and his accompanying delegation to their second Universal Periodic Review. Lesotho further thanks Ghanaian delegation for comprehensive presentation and appreciates the open approach that Ghana has taken in preparation of its National Report including candid acknowledgement of persistent problems and challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

**Madam President,**

Lesotho also commends the strides that Ghana has made and continues to make in the socio-economic, civil and political spheres. While some challenges remain, particularly in the spheres of education, health, employment, Lesotho delegation takes note of the measures that government has taken within its national priorities to overcome these challenges.

Lesotho would like to recommend that Ghana remains steadfast in pursuing its impressive policies towards gender equality, particularly by strengthening measures to eradicate gender-based violence.

**Madam President,** It is in this connection that Lesotho calls on the international community to provide the requisite technical and financial assistance to Ghana in support of its efforts, as well as for the full implementation of the recommendations that may come out of this review.

Allow me, **Madam President,** to conclude by expressing, once again, Lesotho's appreciation to Honourable *Mr. Ebo Barton Oduru* and the delegation of Ghana for the constructive and openness with which they participate in the UPR process and Lesotho wishes Ghana all the best in the implementation of the recommendations.

**I thank You**